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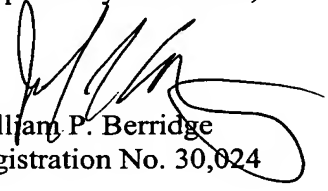
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of references 10-14 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references 1-9 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.

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- ☒ 5. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 7 and 9-14 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

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## Appendix

DE1449904 describes a magnetic recording device with a rotating memory support comprising a film (4, 5, 15) stretched on grooves (3, 12-14). Magnetic write or read heads (7, 16, 17, 18) are in contact with the film at the level of the grooves.

FR 1519660 describes also relates to a rotating magnetic recording device. It comprises a thin disc (7) on a massive support (8, 9).

## Other documents

The following articles cited and analysed in the application are enclosed herewith :

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